

THE REGISTER OF NURSES, 1927.

We have to thank the Chairman of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales for a copy of the State Register of Nurses for England and Wales. It is a volume to which we frequently refer, and now more especially as The British College of Nurses is built up upon the basis of the State Register.

Our pleasure in the volume, however, is dimmed since the name of Elizabeth Shand (No. 39,279) still appears upon it, and when we worked for over thirty years to obtain State Registration of Nurses, we did so with two main objects, to ensure to nurses an efficient professional education through a curriculum standardised by State Authority, and to protect the public by maintaining the purity of the State Register of Nurses, and by excluding, or removing from it the names of those nurses proved guilty of criminal offences in a Court of Law. We certainly never contemplated the possibility of our name, or that of any honourable nurse, being included in a Register which contained the name of a nurse proved guilty of theft, as is at present the case.

On page 143 will be found the numbers of those now registered in the General and Supplementary parts of the Register respectively. The total, 52,025 (which includes 1,285 nurses registered during the present year, whose names are on the inscribed, but not on the printed Register), is the largest yet enrolled.

POINTS TO NOTE AND REMEMBER.

We are glad to note that in the discussion which took place on the question of whether or no the privilege up to the present permitted to candidates whose training finishes between the dates of the final Examinations should be cancelled, Miss K. F. Armstrong in a reasoned speech supported the continuance of this practice as an act of justice to the Nurses, and boldly argued that the upkeep of the Office was paid by the Nurses' fees, and if more work was entailed the necessary provision should be made. We have not for some time listened with so much pleasure to a speech in the General Nursing Council, and though Miss Armstrong did not win her point she proved that she had the courage of her convictions, which Registered Nurses should note and remember.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., occupied the Chair at the Meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, and twelve Members of the Council were present.

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee was presented by Col. D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., the Convener of that Committee.

The Registrar reported the arrangements made for the holding of the Mid-Summer Examinations and that in place of the Examination usually held in Dundee he had been able to obtain accommodation for holding the Examination at the Royal Infirmary, Perth. The arrangements were approved.

The names of various Nurses who had already passed the Council's Examinations and had now reached the age of 21 were ordered to be placed on the Register, in addition to the names of two Nurses already registered in England.

Miss White, the Convener of the Uniform Committee, submitted the Report of that Committee.

APPOINTMENTS.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Durham Diocesan Maternity Home, Durham.—Miss E. Urwin, S.R.N., has been appointed Superintendent. She was trained at the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, and at the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin. Miss Urwin holds the certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

MATRON.

London Female Lock Hospital and Home, 283, Harrow Road, London, W.9.—Mrs. Wilcock, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Bradford Royal Infirmary, and has been Ward and Theatre Sister at the London Female Lock Hospital. Mrs. Wilcock was for some time on the staff of the Bradford Infants' Welfare Clinic. She is a certified Midwife.

King Edward VII. Hospital, Sheffield.—Miss L. Fieldhouse, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Infirmary and Dispensary, Bolton, and has since held posts at the Borough Hospital, Howden; the Infirmary, Stockport; the Marland Hospital, Rochdale; and the Ashby Sanatorium, Manchester. Miss Fieldhouse saw war service in Mesopotamia, has done private nursing, and for the last six years has held the post of Ward Sister at the King Edward VII. Hospital, Sheffield.

Infectious Diseases Hospital, Peterhead.—Miss P. M. Young has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Oldmill Hospital, Aberdeen, where she was subsequently Sister-in-Charge.

Harold Court Sanatorium, Harold Wood.—Miss S. B. Loosley, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Bethnal Green Hospital, and has been Ward Sister and Night Sister at the Isolation Hospital and Sanatorium, Ilford. Miss Loosley saw military service during the War.

Woodilee Mental Hospital, Lenzie, Glasgow.—Miss M. H. Lyall, R.G.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Alexandra Infirmary, Paisley, and at the Mental Hospital, Murthly. She has held the position of Charge Nurse at Hawkhead Hospital; and of Night Assistant Matron and Senior Assistant Matron at Woodilee Mental Hospital. Miss Lyall holds the certificate of the M.P.A.

The Incorporated Belfast Maternity Hospital, Belfast.—Mrs. C. N. Waddell has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, and has been Night Sister and Ante-Natal Sister at the Maternity Hospital, Belfast.

SISTER-IN-CHARGE.

St. Andrew's Hospital for Mental Diseases, Northampton.—Miss A. E. Eyton, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister-in-Charge of the Reception Hospital. She was trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and at the County Mental Hospital, Chester, and has been Sister-in-Charge at Leigh House, Warwick, and Sister at Hollymoor Mental Hospital. Miss Eyton holds the certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Netherne Mental Hospital, Surrey.—Miss W. L. Wilson has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, and has held the post of Sister at the Maudsley Hospital, London.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT NURSE AND SISTER TUTOR.

Boundary Park Hospital, Oldham.—Miss S. L. Michaelson, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Superintendent Nurse and Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Lambeth Hospital, London, where she was afterwards Staff Midwife. She has also held the post of Sister at the Grove Fever Hospital, Tooting, and Sister at the Brook Hospital, Woolwich.

NIGHT SISTER.

Isolation Hospital, Norwich.—Miss Delia A. Hoban, S.R.N., has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Infirmary, West Bromwich, and has been Staff Nurse at the Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby, Staff Nurse and Ward Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Norwich, and Sister at the Bradwell Isolation Hospital, Staffs.

HEALTH VISITOR.

Somerset County Council, Taunton.—Miss Ellen Dakin, S.R.N., has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at St. Leonard's Hospital, Shoreditch, N, and has worked as a Health Visitor at Barnsley and Yeovil.

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